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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Reverend Dr. Leroy
4 R. Henry II on his retirement as pastor of the Mary Magdalene
5 Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. L R. Henry has devoted fifty years toward the
7 spiritual growth and nurturing of God's Kingdom; in 1956 he was
8 called into the preaching ministry and was ordained on July 9,
9 1961, at St. Matthew Baptist Church by the late Pastor Reverend
10 J. P. Gordon; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1962 Dr. Henry organized and began his
12 Pastorate at the Mary Magdalene Missionary Baptist Church in
13 Chicago; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry's educational background began at The
15 Chicago Baptist Institute, where he earned an Associate degree
16 in Religion in 1979; he continued to study at the Chicago
17 Baptist Institute, earning a Bachelor of Theology degree in
18 1980; in 1989 he received three prestigious Seven-Year Training
19 diplomas from the Department of Christian Education of the
20 Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress of the
21 National Baptist Publishing Board; and he earned a Doctorate of
22 Divinity degree from the Gospel Outreach Theological Institute

1 of Houston, Texas, in 1996; and

2 WHEREAS, He has been a distinguished professor at the
3 Chicago Baptist Institute for more than twenty years; first
4 Vice-President of the Illinois Missionary Baptist Convention;
5 Treasurer of the Illinois Missionary Baptist State Convention
6 for seven years; First Vice-Moderator of the Northwood River
7 Baptist District Association; a member of the Lifelink Housing
8 Corporation's Board of Directors for more than eight years; and
9 an outstanding President of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance of
10 Chicago and Vicinity for six years; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry is especially proud of his lovely wife
12 for fifty-four years, Dora, who has assisted him in nurturing
13 their six children in God's way; all six of their children have
14 earned college degrees; and they have nineteen grandchildren
15 and five great-grand children; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Reverend Dr. Henry on his retirement and wish him
19 the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Reverend Dr. Henry as a symbol of our respect.